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The agreement made in London is receiving complimentary notices in almost all the non-Communist press of the Western world. Under the circumstances, it does seem the best alternative to EDC.

I talked to Tommy about the future representation of the United States to the Coal and Steel Community. Since the Secretary and Livie want me to stay over here until after the December NATO meeting, and not to resign until after I get home towards the first of the year, this question can be postponed for the moment. However, we do need someone whom the pro-integration Europeans can contact, and the most practicable place for him to be stationed would probably be Luxembourg. Also, it now appears as if there will be a mutual diplomatic accreditation between the Coal and Steel Community and the British Government. Monnet would, I think, be [redacted] loath not to have a special and whole-time representative of the United States Government with the Community.

Kenneth Downes came to see me this afternoon. He has recently been on a trip through Germany after an absence of two years. He was astonished at the progress made during that period and the great vitality displayed there.

Harold Callender called on me. He is pleased with the result of the London Conference, although sorry the British assurance was not given in connection with the EDC, since he believes it would have guaranteed the passage of that treaty. He thinks the London accord will pass the French Parliament unless Mendès makes a Saar settlement impossible. Callender considers Mendès tricky and still awaits proofs of his sincerity.

The same observation was made by Preston Grover, who came to see me later in the day.

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Herbert Agar visited us just before dinner. He is over here on his publishing business. He thinks the London Conference a great achievement for Eden, for whom he entertains a strong admiration and friendship. Herbert believes it will add to the strength and importance of NATO, where the quality of representation should be stepped up so that this post would be considered by all Western Foreign Offices the most important at their disposition.

The President has issued a statement enthusiastically approving what was done at London. Foster performed extremely well there. The technique of remaining in the background and being helpful at decisive moments was an excellent one.

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